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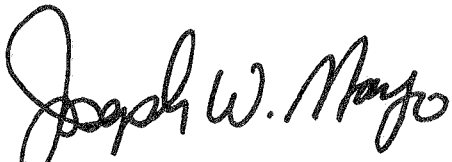
No. 637

H.P. 466

House of Representatives, January 30, 1997

**An Act Concerning Shared Compensation for Traffic Violations for
Municipalities.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representative LEMONT of Kittery.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2602, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

4. Fines. Fines and forfeitures collected under this Title accrue to the General Fund, except that of fines and forfeitures collected under sections 511, 2356, 2360, 2380, 2387 and 2388, only \$5 or 13%, whichever is greater, accrues to the General Fund and the balance accrues to the General Highway Fund and, except that a surcharge of 20% must be levied on fines and forfeitures collected under sections 103 and 2604 to be remitted to the political subdivision issuing the summons for the traffic infraction.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 549, §16 and affected by §17, is further amended to read:

B. The municipal officers may regulate the operation of all vehicles in the public ways and on publicly owned property.

(1) The violation of any ordinance authorized by this paragraph is a ~~civil-violation~~ traffic infraction.

(2) The municipal officers may establish a method by which persons charged with the violation of ordinances governing operation of all vehicles in the public ways and on publicly owned property may waive all court action by payment of specified fees within stated periods of time.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes municipal officers to enact local traffic ordinances and collect fines for violations. It adds a surcharge on fines for certain traffic violations and returns the surcharge to the municipality enforcing the ordinances.